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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

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1. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS THAT ON JUNE 11 HOUSING  
MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW SETTLEMENTS  
ANNOUNCED THAT MINISTRY WILL SPEND MORE THAN  
IL 90 MILLION TO BUILD NEW SETTLEMENT ON  
GOLAN HEIGHTS, TO BE KNOWN AS KATZRIN. INITIAL  
FAMILIES WILL REPORTEDLY BE ABLE TO MOVE IN BY  
END OF 1977 ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OFFICIAL,  
IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THE SITE WILL DEVELOP  
INTO A TOWN (AS DEMANDED BY SETTLERES ALREADY  
LIVING ON GOLAN) OR " ONLY" INTO AN INDUSTRIAL  
CENTER. (PRESUME LOCATION IS NEAR SITE SHOWN ON  
SURVEY OF ISREL MAP AS "QASRIN" (E3542 N3259)  
BUT WILL CONFIRM.)

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2. HOUSING MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT SEEMS RELATED  
TO REPORTS IN JUNE 11 PRESS OF DISPUTE BETWEEN  
LABOR ALIGNMENT AND NRP OVER DISPOSITION OF NRP  
KNESSET MOTION CRITICIZING THE SUPPOSED DELAY IN

ESTABLISHING A TOWN ON THE GOLAN. LABOR ALIGNMENT LEADERS REPORTEDLY APPEALED TO NRP TO WITHDRAW MOTION ON GROUNDS THAT DEBATE OVER TOWN ON GOLAN HEIGHTS COULD BE POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING DURING PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO US. NRP CONTENDED ON OTHER HAND THAT RABIN HIMSELF HAD STATED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT LEAVE THE HEIGHTS AND THERE WAS THEREFORE NO REASON TO AVOID DEBATING ISSUE OF DELAY IN ESTABLISHING TOWN THERE. NRP FINALLY AGREED (AFTER PERSONAL INTERVENTION BY ALLON) TO POSTPONE KNESSET DISCUSSION UNTIL AFTER RABIN'S RETURN FROM US, REPORTEDLY EXPRESSING TEMPORARY SATISFACTION WITH ANNOUNCEMENT DESCRIBED PARA 1 ABOVE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY FORMER MAPAM PARTY SPOKESMAN AND CURRENT CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF HOUSING MINISTER OFER THAT WITHIN PAST FEW WEEKS PM RABIN AND OFER REACHED AGREEMENT WITH EACH OTHER IN PRESENCE OF ANTI-SETTLEMENT LABOR MK YOSEF SARID THAT NO TOWN WOULD BE BUILT AT KATZRIN. RABIN AND OFER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD DENY SUCH AGREEMENT IF IT WERE DISCLOSED PUBLICLY.

4. COMMENT: IF INFORMATION IN PARA 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT, IT SUGGESTS THAT RABIN MAY BE TRYING TO DELAY SHOWDOWN WITH NRP AND OTHER PRO-SETTLEMENTS FORCES BY ALLOWING " POSITIVE" ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE MADE, WHILE AWAITING TO SEE HOW NEGOTIATIONS WILL DEVELOP. (IT IS USEFUL TO RECALL THAT RABIN'S CONSISTENT POSITION HAS BEEN ONLY THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT " DESCEND" FROM HEIGHTS, AND HE HAS NOT COMMITTED HIMSELF PUBLICLY ON THE FUTURE OF SETTLEMENTS THERE. NEVERTHELESS, WHILE IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW FAST AND IN WHAT SCALE WORK WILL ACTUALLY PROCEED AT KATZRIM, NRP HAS AT LEAST SUCCEEDED IN RECEIVING FROM GOVERNMENT ANOTHER SETTLEMENT " CHECK" WHICH IT WILL ATTEMPT TO CASH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END CONFIDENTIAL  
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